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#### PREFATORY NOTE.

THE St. Columba Collection of Gaelic Songs and Music is designed to further the cultivation of the native music of the Highlands. Gaelic music has, until recent years, suffered greatly from the want of proper exponents—the common order of singers in public being without vocal training of any kind. Within recent years, however, a change has been taking place, and it is not now so difficult to get Gaelic music from artistes possessing cultivated voices.

But, with a very few exceptions, choirs for the singing of harmonised music did not exist; and those which were in existence had to find "usic for themselves. No doubt the fact of there being no published music of a cheap kind for the use of choirs was a deterrert influence in the formation of such musical societies, besides being a dis-

couragement to the cultivation of Gaelic music among the body of the people.

A movement is at present on foot for the instituting of choirs in the more populous places of the Highlands, and on that account, the publication of the St. Columba Collection is, to say the least, opportune, and will, we trust, assist in stimulating the movement.

The songs are from the repertoire of the Glasgow St. Columba Gaelic Choir, to which Gaelic music is much indebted, and under whose auspices this collection is being published. By its conductor, Mr Archibald Ferguson, most of the tunes have been harmonised; while others are by some of the most successful harmonists of the Scottish School.

A large proportion of the songs are the popular every-day songs of the Highlands, simple but effective, and offering little difficulty to the learner; and there is no reason why they should not be taken up and practised in the remote glen, as well as in the

hamlet, town, and city.

The songs of the Highlands have been preserved on the tongues of the people—in many instances from remote times—in spite of much discouragement, and should be cherished as being of purely native growth, and as having the power of appealing to the heart of the Gael with much greater force than the more elaborate, but less natural compositions, of later times.

Virtue, valour and patriotism owe much of their force to song and music; and in the case of the songs of the Gacl, while they retain all their naturalness, and often artlessness, there is extremely little which could be said to be injurious to virtue. If the words of our esteemed friend and Gaelic bard, Mr John Campbell of Ledaig, when

he says
"Is toigh leam a' Ghaidhlig, a bàrdachd 's a ceòl."

have any real meaning when sung on the lips of his fellow-countrymen, we are assured of success from the St. Columba Collection of Gaelic Songs.

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## Nighean donn a' Chuailein riomhaich.

Harmonised by ARCH, FERGUSON.





2 An tigh-an-eas a thogadh òg thu, Fo sgàil taighe Taobh-a'-chrònain, Far am biodh na féidh air lòintean 'S eòin ri ceòl air mheangain duit. Nighean donn, etc.

CHORUS.

- 3 An àm do 'n bharrach a bhi 'brùchdadh, Bhiodh na smeòraichean a' dùsgadh Air bhàrr gheugan a' seinn ciùil 'S a togail cliù mo leannain-sa. Nighean donn, etc.
- 4 Basan mine, caoine, tlàtha; Meòir chaol, fhada dh' iom'readh snàtha: C' àit' am facas riamh thug bàrr ort 'Tarruing snàth'd troimh anairtean. Nighean donn, etc.
- 5 Tha do chridhe mar an daoimean Air là gréine, 's e ri soillse, - 'S e gun ghoimh, gun ghìomh, gun ghaoid ann : 'S mór do loinn, 's cha 'n ainneamh e. Nighean donn, etc.
- 6 Thug mi cion, 's cha 'n fhaod mi àicheadh, Do nigh'n donn a' chuailein àluinn ; 'S mór gu 'm b' fheàrr bhi suidhe làmh rith' Na fìon Spàinnd 'us caineal ann. Nighean donn, etc.

Words by JOHN CAMPBELL, Ledaig.

# Theid mi g'ad' amharc.

(I will thee visit.)

Harmonised by



1 Tha'n latha'dol seachad Gun fheum, gun fheum; Is mise's mi fathast Gun té, gun té; 'S e dh' fhàg mi cho falamh

'S e dh' fhag mi cho falamh Gu léir, gu léir, Bhi fada 'san tarruing,

'S mi ceum air cheum. O, théid, etc.

2 Is iomadh seann-fhleasgach, Mo chreach, mo chreach, Na 'n innseadh e 'n fhirinn Le dreach, le dreach, Gu'm b' fhearr leis bhi sinte

Gu h-ìosal a chaoidh Na 'n saoghal a shiubhal

A rìs gun mhnaoi. O, théid, etc. 3 Na bitheam 'san àireamh,
A ghaoil, a ghaoil;
Thoir thusa do làmh dhomh
Gu saor, gu saor;
No gabhaidh tu 'n t-aithreachas
Latha nach saoil,
'S bidh mise gu math dheth,
'S té eile ri m' thaobh.
O, théid, etc.

4 Sin a nis agad
Mo bheachd, mo bheachd,
'S do chridhe ma th' agam,
Na fuirich air t' ais;
Ma 's toigh leat an coisich'
Na feith ris an each;
Tha 'n òige 'dol seachad

'S tha 'n aois a' teachd. O, théid, etc.



- 3 Ille dhuinn an leadain dualaich, 'S ann Di-luain a fhuair mi fios uat. Ille dhuinn, etc.
- 4 Ille dhuinn an leadain dualaich, 'S òg, a luaidh, a bhuair thu mise. Ille dhuinn, ctc.
- 5 Ille dhuinn an leadain chraobhaich, Thug mi gaol araon gun fhios duit. Ille dhuinn, etc.
- 6 Ille dhuinn an leadain bhòidhich, 'S ann fo bhròn a dh' fhàg thu mise. Ille dhuinn, etc.

7 Ille dhuinn, ma dh' fhàg thu 'n dùthaich, 'S mòr mo chùram nis nach tig thu. Ille dhuinn, etc.



- 2 Di-dòmhnuich ma'n d' fhàg mi, 'Us mi coiseachd na sràide, Thachair orm-sa mo mhàldag, Le blàth-shùilean caoin. A bhi fàgail, etc.
- 3 'Nuair a bha mi le m' ghràdh-sa Ann an dùthaich nan àrd-bheann, 'S tric a dh' éisd mi ri 'mànran Fo sgàile nan craobh. A bhi fàgail, etc.
- 4 Thoir mo shoiridh thar sàile, Ceud soiridh gu bràth 'uam Dh' ionnsaidh rìbhinn nam blàth-shul Té's feàrr leam 'san t-saogh'l. A bhi fàgail, etc.
- 5 Ach ma bhitheas mi maireann, 'S tighinn sàbhailte dhachaidh, Cha téid mi tuille gu marachd; Ni mi fanachd 'sna caoil. A bhi fàgail, etc.
- 6 Faiceam long a' dol dachaidh Gu Albainn no Sasunn, Sgrìobhaidh mise gu m' leannan Gur maireann mo ghaol.

A bhi fàgail, etc.





- 1 Ged tha mise gun stòras, Gun chrodh air mo lòintean, Naile! chumainn-sa lòn riut, Ged is seòladair mi.
- 2 Na 'm bithinn-s' aig baile, Raithe Shamhraidh no Earraich, 'S mi nach leigeadh mo leannan Le balach gun strìth.
- 3 Tha mo chion air an ainnir, Oigh ùr a chúil chlannaich;

Tha do shlios mar an eala, 'S tu's maisiche 's tìr.

- 4 'S iomadh oidhche le aighear Thug mi'n cuideachd nan cailean. 'S o'n a tha mi nis falamh Cha'n fharraid iad mi.
- 5 Cha téid mise gu banais, Gu féill no gu faighir; 'S ann a bhios mi aig baile, Bho'n nach fharraid iad mi.

Thug mi Gaol do'n Fhear Bhan.



- 1 Chaidh am bàta troimh 'n chaol Leis na daoine Di-màirt; 'S mise phàigh am faradh daor, Bha ma ghaol air a clàr.
- 2 Tacain mu'n do laidh a' ghrian Bha mi'm fianuis mo ghràidh, Tha e 'nis an grùnnd a' chuain, O, gur fuar àite taimh.
- 3 Bha mi 'bruadar an raoir A bhi'n caoimhneas ri'm ghràdh;

- 'S 'n uair a thug e rium a chùl Shil mo shùilean gu làr.
- 4 Bha mi deas 'us bha mi tuath ; Bha mi 'n Cluaidh uair no dhà ; Dheth na chunna mi fo'n ghréin, Thug mi spéis do'n fhear bhàn.
- 5 Cha teid mise thigh a' chiùil, Thuit mo shùgradh gu làr, Bho'n a chualas thusa, rùin, Bhi 'sa ghrùnnd far nach tràigh.



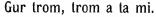
- 2 Mur ceannaich mi tea, cha 'n fhiach mi m' fharraid, A leigheas a cinn, 's i tinn a' gearan, Cha dean i rium sìth, ach strìth is carraid; 'S ri cànran teallaich i 'n còmhnuidh. O hi, O ha! etc.
- 3 Cha 'n airgead, cha 'n òr, cha stòr, cha trusgan Chuir mis air a tòir ri mòran cuirteis; Ach dalladh fo sgleò le sèorsa buidseachd— 'S ann agam tha 'n t-ùirsgeul air Seònaid. O hi, O ha! etc.
- 4 Gun fhiacal 'na ceann, 's car cam 'na peirceall;
  Nuair thogadh i greann an àm an fheasgair,
  Gu 'n teicheadh a' chlann, gach crann 's gach seisreach
  Aig meud an eagail roimh 'gròigeis!
  O hì, O ha! etc.
- 5 Gur tric 'san tigh-òsd mi 'g òl nan drama Air teicheadh o Sheònaid tha 'n còmhnuidh 'talach ; Na'm faighinn m' a sgòrnan ròp, 's cead tarruinn— Uist! Sin i a' chailleach an tòir orm! O hi, O ha! etc.

### Chi mi na Mor-bheanna.





- 2 Tha mo chridne tursach, trom, M' inntinn cha tog fonn ri ealain, Tha lionn-dubh orm fo thuinn, Mo nighean donn an t-sùgraidh. 'S i mo leannan, etc.
- 3 Tha do chneas mar shneachd air lòn, Muineal ro-gheal mar an canach; Cas is deise 'théid am bròig, Nach dean feòirnein 'lùbadh.
  - 'S i mo leannan, etc.
- 4 Tha do ghruaidhean mar an ròs, Beul is bòidhche 'shéideas anail, Mala chaol mar ite 'n eòin, Ruisg is bòidhche 'dhùineas. 'S i mo leannan, etc.
- 5 Ged a bhithinnse cho òg
   'S gu'm b'e màireach tùs mo latha,
   'S mi nach tréigeadh gaol na h-òigh
   Air son diomb luchd diùrrais.
   'S i mo leannan, etc.



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- Tha'n long a nis air seòladh,
   'S cha tig i chòir an fhearann so,
   Gu bheil mo leannan féin oirr',
   'S gur truagh as déigh a sgaraidh mi.
   Gur trom, trom, etc.
- 2 Gur duilich leam gu'n d'ghluais sibh 'Nuair bha ghaoth-tuath cho gaillionnach, 'S e tonn a rinn do bhualadh, 'S gur truagh leam gu'n do thachair e. Gur trom, trom, etc.
- 3 Tha ìslean agus uaislean, An grunnd a' chuain gun charachadh, 'S mo leannan, fear 'chuil dualaich 'Ga bhualadh ris na stallaichean. Gur trom, tron, etc.
- 4 Ma chaidleas mi air cluasaig,
  Cha bhi mi uair gun charachadh,
  'Gad fhaicinn ann am bhruadar,
  A luaidh, ge fad 's a's maireann mi.
  Gur trom, trom, etc.
- 5 Ged chluinninnse ceol pìoba Cha tog e dhiom an t-eallach so, Guth fidhle, no guth clàrsaich— Mo chridh air làr, cha charaich e. Gur trom, trom, etc.
- 6 Tha mi gun mhac, gun bràthair Ni còmhradh blàth no cathrannach, Mar chraoibh an déigh a rùsgadh Gun snothach cùbhr' gun mheangan oirr'. Gur trom, trom, etc.

7 'Nis sguiridh mi 'gad iarraidh 'S 'gad iasgach air na cladaichean; An t-iasg nach téid am hon-sa, 'S e sgeula fior nach fhaigh mi c. Gur trom, trom, ctc.



- An latha thainig mi do 'n t-saoghal,
   Thainig mi glé lom ann ;
   'S an latha their am bàs rium fhàgail,
  - S an latha their am bàs rium fhàgail, Fàgaidh mi gun phlang e. O gur mis, etc.
- 2 Ma gheibh mi aodach agus biadh, 'Us mi bhi saor o ainbheach, Le aoidh 'us gràdh gach oidhche 's là, Am dhachaidh taobh mo ghealbhain. O gur mis, etc.
- 3 O, cha 'n e cuid no cuibhreann dhaoin', 'Us cha 'n e òr no airgead
  - A bheir dhuinn sonas anns an t-saoghal; Tha sin 'na aon ni dearbhte. O gur mis, etc.
- 4 Ach 's e bhi toilichte le 'r staid Gun mhath neach eil' a dhearmad ; 'Us anns an Ti bheir dhuinn gach ni Ar cridh' gach là bhi 'g earbsa. O gur mis, etc.



- 2 'S e mo rùn a bhi dlùth dhi, 'Na mo dhùthaich a rithis, Thall fo sgàil nam preas blàthmhor A bhi 'mànran ri m' nighinn.
- 3 Ge do shiùbhlainn an saoghal, 'S i mo ghaol mo cheann uidhe; Tha mo smaointean gun chaochladh Air an taobh tha mo nighean.
- 4 B' e mo shòlas a pòsadh, 'S gur a deònach a bhithinn 'Dol a sheòladh gu m' eòlas, 'Dheanamh còrdadh ri m' nighinn.
- Théid mi null mu Fhéill-Màrtuinn A chur fàilt air mo nighinn;
   'S ma bheir Màiri a làmh dhomh, Bìodh ar càirdean a' bruidhinn.

### Bail' Ionbhar-Aora.

Harmony by John Bell, Mus. Doc



2 'Sa mhaduinn mu 'n d' fhàg mi, b'i earail mo mhàthar :

"Bi stuama, bi càirdeil 'uad nàdur, a laochain; Rach sgiobalta, sgoinneil 'nad éideadh 's 'nad anart

Mu 'm bi thu 'nad mhasladh dhomh 'm Bail' Ionbhar-Aora."—Bha mi air, etc.

3 Nuair thog sinn ri bruthach gu h-uallagach iollagach, Oigridh air mhìre, troimh fhireach is aonach,

Bu shunndach ar caithream thar mòinteach is ghleannan, 'S a' phìob a' toirt langan air "Bail' Ionbhar-Aora."—Bha mi air, etc.

4 Am shùilean-s' bha aillse an dreach bean-na-bainnse,

Is cròilean nam maighdeann ri aoibh air gach taobh dhi;

Cha seallainn ri barrachd aig baintighearna fearainn An caisteal Mhic Cailein am Bail' Ionbhar-Aora.—Bha mi, etc.

5 Nuair thòisich an dannsadh ri fidhill na seann-ruith

Cuir shiùbhlach, gu 'm b'fhonnar a pong-ghearradh aotrom;

Dh' fhògradh gach smalan le sòlas a' chaidrimh Is bòidhchead nan ainnir am Bail' Ionbhar-Aora.—Bha mi air, etc.

6 'S ann sheas i mu 'm choinnimh, 's a' chlàiridh fo 'r bonnaibh,

A' mhàldag ghlan shomalta, thogarrach, aoidheil; Rinn rib' o sùil dhearcaich mo chridhe-sa ghlacadh,

Mar lìon mu na bradain an caisil na h-Aora.—Bha mi air, etc.

- 7 Gach taobh ni mi gluasad, ma 's deas no ma 's tuath e, Gur caochlaideach luaineach mo smuainteau-sa daonnan; Bheir eòinean a' mhachair is faoileag na mara 'Nam chuimhne mo chaileag tha 'm Buil' Ionbhar-Aora.—Bha mi air, etc.
- 8 Ach, bheir mi mo ghealladh dhuibh, òigridh a' bhaile, Ged 's ann ann an cagar nach canainn ri daoine, Ma shnàmhas an sgadan am bliadhna mar 's math leinn, Bheir mise dhuibh banais am Bail' Ionbhar-Aora.—Bha mi air, etc.



- 2 O c' àite 'm bheil coimeas do m' luaidh, do m' luaidh ( Mar ròs air uchd eala tha 'gruaidh, tha 'gruaidh; Clàr-aghaidh is gile na'm bainne 'ga shileadh, No ghrian 's ig u laidhe 'sa chuan. 'sa chuan. O till, a leannain, etc.
- 3 Na 'm faiceadh tu 'pearsa gun mheang, gun mheang; Na 'n cluinneadh tu 'labhairt gun scraing, gun scraing; Na 'm biodh tu le m' chruinneig 'n ám togail nan luinneag, Gu'n lasadh do chridhe gun taing, gun taing. O till, a leannain, etc.
- 4 Mo chridhe-sa, 's tusa bhios truagh, bhios truagh; Mur till is' thog oirre gu Cluaidh, gu Cluaidh; Gu'm b' fheàrr na bhi maille ri té eil' air thalamh, Bhi sinte ri m' Mhaili 'san uaigh, 'san uaigh.

  O till, a leannain, etc.



- 2 Tha mòr-shruth na Beurla a' bagradh gu cruaidh Ar cànain 's ar dùthchas a shlugadh a suas ; Ach seasaibh gu dìleas ri cànain ur gaoil. 'S cha 'n fhaigh i am bàs gu ruig deireadh an t-saogh'l. Togaibh i, etc.
- 3 A dh' aindeoin gach ionnsuidh a thugadh le nàmh A chòirichean prìseil a spùinneadh o'n Ghaidheal, Cha lasaich e chaoidh gus am faigh e a' bhuaidh Thar gach mìorun is eucoir a dh' fhaodas a ruaig. Togaibh i, etc.
- 4 O, togaibh ur guth as leth cànain nam beann, Is cluinnteadh a fuaim air feadh mhonadh is ghleann; Ard-sheinnibh a cliù ann am bàrdachd 's an cuòl, 'S na leigibh le coimhich a masladh r' ar heò, Togaibh i, etc.
- A chlanna nan Gaidheal! bithibh seasmhach is dlùth,
   Ri guaillibh a chéile a' cosnadh gach cliù;
   O. seasaibh gu gaisgeil ri cànain ur gràidh
   'S na tréigibh a' Ghàidhlig a nis no gu bràth.
   Togaibh i, etc.
- 6 O, togaibh a bratach gu h-àrd anns an tir, 'S biodh litrichean maireannach sgrìobht' air gach crìdh': Cha tréig sinn a' Ghàidhlig, 's cha chaill i an deò; Cànain mhùirneach ar dùthcha, cha tréig sinn r' ar beò. Togaibh i, etc.



#### O nach Till thu ruinn a Ris-continued.



- 1 Nuair dh' fhàg sinn a mach Grianaig, Bha cèo 'us fia nan ian againn; 'S ged chuir sinn h-uile stiall oirre, Cha deanadh i dhuinn crònan. Ma théid thu, etc.
- 2 'N sin fhuair sinn mar a b' àill leinn i 'Us chroch sinn na siùil àrda rithe; 'Nuair chuimhnich mi mo mhàthair Bhi 'ga fàgail, bha mi brònach. Ma théid thu, etc.
- 3 'Dol seachad air Creag-Ealasaid, Bha 'ghaoth a' tigh'nn o'n ear oirinn, Bha i 'ga ghearradh geal againn, 'S bha oirre h-uile stròice. Ma théid thu, etc.

4 Dir-daoin bha latha b' éibhinn ann, Ri taobh an fhearainn Eireannaich, 'S i againn mar a dh' fheumamaid, Tigh'nn as air déigh le sòlas. Ma théid thu, etc.

5 'S gur h-ioma fear a's aithne dhomh, Le chaman ùr 'na achlais Dol dh' ionnsuidh na Creig Ghlaise, Ged tha mise tarruinn ròpa. Ma théid thu, etc.

6 So latha na bliadhu' ùir againn, 'S ma 's e, gur beag mo shunnda rithe; Mi ceangailt' aig a stiùir aice, 'S na siùil a' falbh' nan stròicean. Ma theid thu, etc.



- 2 Thòisich dealt na h-oidhch' ri tùirling, 'S lùb am braon gu caoin na flùrain, Shéid a' ghaoth 'na h-oiteig chùbhraidh Beatha 's ùrachd do gach cluan. Ghleus an nigh'nag fonn a h-òrain, Sèimh 'us ciùin mar dhrùchd an òg-mhios, 'S bha an t-séisd so 'g éirigh 'n còmhnuidh— "Tha mo ghaol air àird a' chuain."
- 3 Chiar an là 'us dheàrrs na reultan, Sheòl an ré measg neul nan speuran, Shuidh an òigh, bha 'bròn 'ga léireadh, 'S eha robh déigh air tàmh no suain.
- Theann mi faisg air reult nan òg-bhean, Sheinn mu 'gaol air chuan 'bha seòladh ; O, bu bhinn a caoidhrean brònach— "Tha mo ghaol air aird a' chuain."
- 4 Rinn an ceòl le deòin mo thàladh
  Dlùth do ribhinn donn nam blàth-shul
  'S i ag ùrnuigh ris an Ard-Righ
  "Dion mo ghràdh 'th 'air àird a 'chuain."
  Bha a cridh' le gaol gu sgàineadh,
  'Nuair a ghlac mi fhèin air laimh i,
  "Siab do dheòir, do ghaol tha sàbhailt,
  Thill mi slan bharr àird a' chuain."

### Oich u agus h-iuraibh eile.



- 2 C'aite bheil i ann an Albainn. Cruinneag chruinn donn is gile calpa? Slios mar fhaoilinn air aodann fairge ; 'S gur e do throm-ghaol a rinn mo mharbhadh. Oich ù, etc.
- Tha an oidhche nochd fliuch fuaraidh; Laidh an sneachd air na beanntaibh shuas ud, Cha téid mise a dh' fhios nan gruagach, Ach gus am fàs na gleanntan uaine. Oich ù, etc.
- 4 'Nuair a théid mi thun na féille, Bidh mo shùil air a' chruinneig ghlé-ghil, 'S binne Gàidhlig 's is deise Beurla, 'S bidh sàiltean àrd air a brògan eutrom. Oich ù, etc.

- 5 Tha do shùilean mar na smeuran No mar dhearcagan donn an t-sléibhe;
- No mar anearcagan donn an Measg a chéile; 'S gu bheil ceann dubh air mo chruinneig ghlé-Oich ù, etc. ghil,
- 6 Tha do shùil-ghorm dhaite bhòidheach, Fo d' mhala chaol ann ad aodann bòidheach. Pearsa dhìreach de fhìor Chloinn Dòmhnuill, Gur math thig gùn duit an cùirt nan òg-bhean. Oich ù, etc.
- An uair a bha sinn anns a' mhonadh, 'S e bu bhiadh dhuinn na cìrean meála,
- Barr an fhraoich 's e 'na chaorann meallach, 'S an eunlaidh fhiadhaich a' sgiallaich tharr-Oich ù, etc. Juinn.

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